

SOUTH IS VISITED BY SEVERE STORM

Considerable Property Damage Reported—Wires Put Out of Commission.

Birmingham, Ala., April 4.—A heavy wind and rain-storm passed over this section of Alabama late this afternoon, delaying all trains and putting many telephones and telegraph wires out of commission. No serious damage has been reported.

The highest velocity reached by the wind here, according to the Weather Bureau, was forty miles an hour, but the rainfall was 2.4 inches.

Other points in the State are reported to have fared worse as a result of the storm which swept up from the Gulf since morning. At Tuscaloosa telephones and telegraph wires were all down, giving rise to a report that a cyclone had struck that town.

At Clinton, Ala., trees were uprooted and houses badly damaged by the high winds. The town was plunged into darkness when the electric light plant was put out of commission by falling trees. Minor property damage also is reported from Uniontown and Falmouth.

Worst in Years.—This section was visited by the worst wind, rain and hail-storm known in years. Uniontown and Falmouth reported considerable property damage. Wires are down in nearly every direction. In the vicinity of Montgomery there was a deluge of rain, and the wind reached a velocity of thirty-eight miles an hour.

Wires Torn Down.—Anniston, Ala., April 4.—A terrific wind-storm, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain, swept this city and surrounding country late to-day. Street car service was discontinued, and telegraph and telephone wires were torn down in several places. An old cotton warehouse and several small buildings were destroyed.

Gale at Gulfport.—Gulfport, Miss., April 4.—Much damage was done by the heavy southwest gale which swept over this city and harbor this afternoon. The German ship Sacken dragged anchor and fouled a small schooner. The schooner Robert C. Dunn was blown from

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her moorings and rammed the tug Gulfport, doing \$50 damage.

Will Smith, a negro, trying to escape the fury of the storm, ran in front of a train and was killed.

RETAIL MERCHANTS INDORSE RAILROAD

Subscriptions to Stock Cheerfully Made—Chairman Carrington Presents Clear Statement, Showing Immense Value to City of Rail Connection With Northern Neck.

Less than one-quarter of the membership of the Retail Merchants' Association attended last night at the Jefferson Hotel what was perhaps the most enthusiastic meeting yet held in behalf of the Richmond-Northern Neck Railroad. Of this number eight subscriptions were made, which aggregated about \$3,500. Several firm subscriptions were practically pledged, but could not be recorded because all members of the concerns had not signed their willingness to subscribe. For the most part because they were out of the city. Councilman George McD. Blake was the first to make a subscription, signing up for five shares. The others followed in quick succession.

Plan Is Indorsed.—The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas the construction of a railroad known as the Richmond and Northern Neck is now being advocated by the Chamber of Commerce, under certain conditions and plans; and

"Whereas it is believed that great material benefits will result to the members of the Retail Merchants' Association and the people of Richmond from the construction of said railroad; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Retail Merchants' Association heartily indorses the said plan, and urges every member to subscribe to such amount of stock as their circumstances and conditions warrant; and further that each member of our association pledges his aid and personal influence in furthering this proposition; and assisting the Chamber of Commerce in its effort of acquiring subscriptions to the stock of said railroad."

Vice-President T. M. Carrington, of the Chamber of Commerce, who has been most active in securing the new road, made the principal address. He

reviewed the proposition from the time that the promoter, T. M. Ward, first presented it to the chamber.

Asks Subscriptions.—"After several interviews," said Mr. Carrington, "so favorably did Mr. Ward's personality and his proposition impress this city and surrounding country late to-day. Street car service was discontinued, and telegraph and telephone wires were torn down in several places. An old cotton warehouse and several small buildings were destroyed."

"The suggested amount of subscriptions is based on what a merchant will fairly and justly expect to make the first year after the road is fully operated. In other words, it is suggested that he pay a premium for a perpetual insurance policy, the annual dividends of which will equal the one premium. Not a cent is due or expected until the road is in operation."

"The material and general supplies incident to the construction of this road will mean many thousands of dollars to our merchants. Mr. Ward's first proposal was that the citizens should make a gift of the amount required, but he finally agreed to issue stock, and in connection with the future value of the stock. I have made out the first report of the road, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, having its Southern terminal at Cape Charles, and going through for 112 miles, the narrow counties of Accomac and Northampton. This shows most distinctly not only good profits, but the great development that was brought about by the railroad."

Route Is Discussed.—"That this road should come to Dos-

well lies in the fact that the proximity (twenty-four and twenty-seven miles) to Richmond insures all rates in Richmond's favor. It gives two terminals as to freight and free switching on the tracks of the two roads. It gives an outlet with refrigerators cars to the North, South and West of the oyster, fish and early trucks that Richmond cannot use. It gives an entrance for coal so needed by the manufacturers of the country, and gives the two roads an opportunity to do their part in meeting the conditions asked of the citizens of Richmond. To bring the road directly to Richmond would not only destroy in a great measure the practical marketing of the truck of the Northern Neck, but the terminals and convenience of private tracks of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroads would be done away with, and the additional cost of bringing the road directly to Richmond would mean so much as to make it prohibitive as a business enterprise for bonding."

The great country and its people developed by this road will put our city in three and one-half (at the farthest) hours' ride of their homes, and at far less than half that it takes to go to Baltimore. It takes some exercise of imagination to prophesy what it will mean to our city and its trade to be put in touch with a population of 70,000 people.

Growth of City.—"Richmond has advanced wonderfully in the past decade—50 per cent. increase in population and more than 100 per cent. in commercial, manufacturing and financial activities. Her wealth is \$175 per capita of white population, and her building investment has been stated, is third among the cities of this country, and in every way Richmond has emerged from the shell of an overgrown village. This is shown in no way more than in the successful business management of our retail interests and the manner in which the business is done and their goods are displayed."

"To ensure a continuance of our development and growth, we are now given an opportunity. It is offered to us by an important railroad connection from this fertile valley. Geographically, it is divorced from the trade of the rich counties of the lower James and Chesapeake Bay, and for her country trade she has to depend on a people who have no easy time to get a living out of the ground on corn and tobacco, and which hard work is not conducive to a mental attitude of free spending. Get this territory, and we will have obtained an everlasting source of profit and at the same time have done no mean thing in putting ourselves in touch with a people anxious to know their State's capital and her people."

Practical Proposition.—"I hope that your subscription will be based on what you think this trade will be worth to you, to which add 50 per cent. for 'public spirit,' and you will have given the proposition such encouragement that its accomplishment will be assured."

"In my opinion," said John M. Miller, Jr., who followed Mr. Carrington, "this is the most important proposition ever presented to this city for so small an amount of money. The amount of subscriptions asked of the city, \$150,000, is comparatively small for approximately 150,000 people. Nearly all of the banks have subscribed liberally and banks don't put out money for nothing; they expect returns."

Business Manager. W. T. Dabney, Samuel Cohen and J. G. Corley, of the chamber, spoke on the road as a commercial asset to the city. Chairman E. O. Miller, of the Retail Merchants' Association committee, took in the subscriptions that were forthcoming last night, and reported that the outlook among other members of the association was most encouraging. Other members of this committee are Moses Thalhimer, J. G. Corley and I. H. Kaufman. They will thoroughly canvass Broad Street and take up such other work as Mr. Carrington requests.

ELECTED MAYOR FOR FIFTH TIME

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bands, red fire, liquor and money were not lacking, and the warfare, which started more than a month ago, was kept up until the polls closed at sundown. The nomination is equivalent to election.

Hartford Goes Democratic.

Hartford, Conn., April 4.—As a result of to-day's elections, the city government will be Democratic for the first time in about twenty years. On joint ballot the court of Common Council stands thirty-four Democrats to twenty-five Republicans. The present Mayor is a Democrat, and has a year to serve.

Another Democratic Victory.

New York, April 4.—Following up their victory of last fall, when Martin W. Littleton (Democrat) defeated for Congress W. W. Cocks (Republican), the Democrats in Nassau county, Long Island, the home of Theodore Roosevelt, were successful in two out of three biennial township elections today. In North Hempstead, the Democratic ticket rolled up a plurality of about 300, and in Oyster Bay township the Democratic plurality was about 165. In Hempstead the Republicans apparently have won by a narrow margin of about fifty votes.

Nassau county's normal Republican plurality is about 1,800.

Woman Elected Mayor.

Hunnewell, Kan., April 4.—Mrs. Ella Wilson is now Mayor of this town.

At the election yesterday she and O. M. Akers were tied for the office. At first it was suggested that the two candidates draw lots for the office. But that did not appeal to the male voters. They said if Mrs. Wilson could race a man to a tie she ought to have the office. Therefore, the judges of election declared her elected.

Now she said she is going to clean up Hunnewell. In her campaign speeches she declared the town was harboring bootleggers and that the pool halls were being run contrary to law. She proposes to correct these alleged infractions of the statutes.

There were women candidates for the City Council and a woman ran for police judge, too, but all of them were defeated. The women centred their efforts on the election of Mrs. Wilson.

Midweek Prayer Service.

The usual midweek prayer service will take place to-night in Agnes versus Christian Church. Rev. J. N. McCash, of Cincinnati, O., and Rev. Carey E. Morgan, of Paris, Ky., will conduct a missionary rally to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and to-morrow night at 8. This is in the interest of the American Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Morgan is well known in Richmond, having formerly been pastor of the Seventh Street Christian Church.

Councilman Davis Ill.—Councilman C. P. Davis, of Clay Ward, is ill at his home with pleurisy.

Qualification in Chancery.—In the Chancery Court yesterday Edwin P. Cox qualified as executor for the estate of John B. Riley, who died last year. The estate amounted to \$2,000. John B. Riley qualified as administrator for Ella Murry, whose estate was small.

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Virginians at the Hotels

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Charles Geo. Fredericksburg; J. S. G. Gallagher, Norfolk; E. L. Brooks, Norfolk.

Park—W. W. Hooker, Virginia; A. B. Smith, Virginia; F. R. Marzala, Virginia.

Murphy—A. Archer, A. Phlegar, Christiansburg; Mrs. Elliott, Charlotte; John R. Johnson, Christiansburg; W. A. Steele, Norfolk.

Flanagan, Grundy; J. G. Ferneyhough, Farmville; A. M. Moorfolk, Virginia; J. M. Stifford, Farmville; J. O. Sandy, Farmville; O. G. Flippin, Cumberland; W. Webster, Virginia; Sam Sonnenburg, Pearisburg; J. W. Anderson, Virginia; C. English, Virginia; F. W. Wenzel, Virginia; R. H. Woodward, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnson, Weldon; J. A. Benhall, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. W. Turnbull, Lawrenceville; F. W. Ernest, Norfolk; Joe Hoffman, Amelia; A. H. Williams, Wytheville; Miss Wirt Shelton, West Point; W. H. Jones, Norfolk; E. M. Newby, Norfolk; W. J. Hobbs, Norfolk; N. G. Norfleet, Suffolk; R. D. Tapp, Lynchburg; Mrs. L. Jeffers, Norfolk; L. E. Jeffers, Norfolk; W. W. Owen, Chase City; J. T. White, Waverly.

Davis—Mrs. V. E. Lipscombe, Belmont; Mrs. E. Rockwell, Chase City; Mrs. S. F. Woodward, Gloucester; W. B. Gathright, Gloucester; Charles R. Rees, Petersburg; Fred V. Sutton, Norfolk; E. W. Payne, Jr., Farmville; George county; Frank Stevens, George F. Stevens, Weyanoke.

Text—C. H. Paxton, Natural Bridge; J. L. Bunting, Norfolk; W. A. Stephenson, Danville; George K. Potts, Barhamsville; J. H. Brenshaw, Norfolk; J. C. Barbour, South Boston; W. B. Shields, Chatham.

of woman's rights and the fickleness of man.

George Cox, colored, who had been arrested by Policemen Crafton and Krengeon on a charge of disorderliness, was charged in the Police Court with being a fugitive from justice from Pittsburgh, Pa. He was fined \$30 on the first charge, and the second case was continued to April 15. It was an angry woman's tongue which gave him away. He was about to administer the strap to her because there were not enough hot rolls for breakfast when her lamentations and accusations reached the open auricular appendages of Crafton.

"You done killed a man," she screamed "but you ain't got in to kill muh." Then Crafton saved the situation.

Charles W. Shields and W. Meeks, charged with being disorderly Monday afternoon in the shop of the Electric Shoe Company on East Main Street, were each fined \$5 and placed under \$100 security for ten days on a charge of being disorderly and assaulting Shields with an umbrella.

Answers Still Alarm.—Engine Company No 7 was called shortly before 7 o'clock last night in answer to a still alarm of fire from 1225 E. Main Street. The blaze was insignificant, and there was no damage.

Playground Conference.—A conference of those interested in the playground movement will be held at the John Marshall High School on Friday night. Among the speakers will be Councilman Fuller and Alderman Don Leavy.

Rufus Williams at Memorial.—Rufus C. Williams was operated on at the Memorial Hospital yesterday.

COUNCIL MEETS TO-NIGHT—New Method of Selecting Market Clerks Is Proposed.

Besides a large uncompleted docket of routine matters the Common Council to-night will consider an ordinance changing the method of election of the clerks of the two city markets from the City Council to the Committee on Markets.

In view of the recent suspension of Clerk Joseph Johnston, the move to make the clerks of the two markets directly responsible to the committee having supervision of the markets is of considerable interest. The clerk of the market draws only \$500 per year each, which is less than the salary of several of the park-keepers selected by the Grounds and Buildings Committee, and the Committee on Markets believe that the present plan of making

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the market clerks "city officials," elected by a joint action of the Council, is out of all proportion to their importance or the value of their services. It is believed that there will be little opposition to the change.

The Council will also take up to-night the much-discussed gas light contract matter, which has been under debate for several months, and on which the Committee on Light has as yet made no report. Its former recommendation of an award of contract to the American Street Lighting Company having been twice rejected by the Council.

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